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San Francisco Bay Chapter
Wildlife Sub-committee**

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California Energy Commission

Re: Docket No. 04 IEP IK Committee Draft Document Hearings

I am writing as a scientist and also on behalf of the Sierra Club, San Francisco Bay Chapter Wildlife Sub-committee.

As a scientist and member of the APWRA Working Group, I have closely followed the discussions regarding the avian fatalities at the Altamont Wind Farms. I have reviewed all submitted scientific reports. The methods and protocols used by CEC staff scientists and their contracted consultants are scientifically superior and beyond question by the scientific community. But, as a member of the APWRA I am aware of industry attempts to raise doubt as to the scientific validity of the above mentioned authors.

As a result of recent public statements by the UOCS the public is now aware that political administrations often require "tweaking" of scientific findings for the sake of a political agenda. We urge the CEC to discourage this abuse of science and take all necessary steps to assure that decisions that are made are supported by uncompromised science.

With this in mind, we urge the CEC to insist on implementation of a standardized protocol for all pre-project or post-project studies and monitoring programs at any wind development site in the state of California.

Sincerely

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